

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

THERESA BESTER,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 14-CV-413-JPS

NANCY A. BERRYHILL, *Acting
Commissioner of the Social Security
Administration,*

Defendant.

ORDER

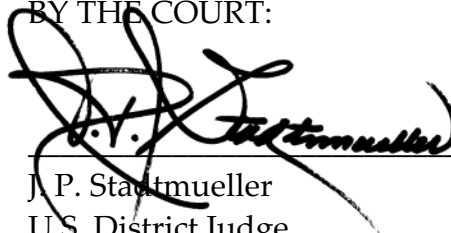
On May 12, 2017, the Court entered judgment affirming Defendant's decision to grant Plaintiff's application for benefits. (Docket #22 and #23). On June 9, 2017, the parties filed an amended stipulation agreeing that Plaintiff should receive an award of attorney fees, pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. (Docket #25). Pursuant to that amended stipulation, and because the Court finds that the fees incurred are both reasonable and necessary and qualify under the EAJA,

IT IS ORDERED that the parties' amended stipulation for an award of attorney's fees (Docket #25) be and the same is hereby **ADOPTED**; an award of attorney fees in the sum of \$10,533.12 shall be paid by Defendant in full satisfaction and settlement of any and all claims Plaintiff may have in this matter pursuant to the EAJA. These fees are awarded to Plaintiff and not Plaintiff's attorney and can be offset to satisfy pre-existing debts that the litigant owes the United States under *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S. Ct. 2521 (2010). If counsel for the parties verify that Plaintiff owes no pre-existing debt subject to offset, then Defendant shall direct that the award be made payable to Plaintiff's attorney pursuant to the EAJA assignment signed by

Plaintiff and counsel. If Plaintiff owes a pre-existing debt subject to offset in an amount less than the EAJA award, the Social Security Administration will instruct the U.S. Department of Treasury that any check for the remainder after offset will be made payable to the plaintiff and mailed to the business address of Plaintiff's attorney.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 14th day of June, 2017.

BY THE COURT:



J. P. Stadtmueller
U.S. District Judge